

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 958

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served June 27, 1969

Application of D. C. Transit )  
System, Inc., for Authority )  
to Increase Fares. )

Application No. 573

Docket No. 201

On May 29, 1969, D. C. Transit System, Inc., filed certain tariffs setting forth new increased fares, accompanied by the required application and supporting data. The tariffs have a proposed effective date of June 28, 1969.

The Commission is of the opinion that the tariffs should be suspended in order that the Commission may give further consideration to the financial condition and revenue requirements of the Company, and to enable the Commission to consider whether the Company is being operated economically and efficiently, whether the proposed fares are just and reasonable, and all other pertinent issues. The hearing will commence on July 28, 1969, at which time the appearance of the parties will be noted, preliminary matters considered and applicant's direct case received, including cross examination of applicant's witnesses. Further schedules will be announced at that time.

The Commission has granted a staff request to engage the services of an independent public utility consultant having expertise in, and knowledge of, the subject of rate of return. Pursuant to Article XII, Section 19(a), Compact, the Commission will hereafter assess the applicant the sum which it considers reasonable to cover this expense item.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That D. C. Transit System, Inc., revised pages 1, 12, 13, 17, 25, 33, 35, 38, 42, 43, 45, 46, 90, and 91 to

WMATC Tariff No. 41, proposed to be effective June 28, 1969, be, and they are hereby, suspended, and the use of the fares stated therein be, and they are hereby, deferred, pending investigation and hearing thereon until September 25, 1969, unless otherwise ordered.

2. That D. C. Transit System, Inc., be, and it is hereby, assessed the sum of \$18,000, the sum reasonably anticipated to compensate the independent consultant. Such sum shall be paid to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission; of such sum, \$9,000 shall be paid on or before Tuesday, July 15, 1969, and \$9,000 shall be paid on or before Friday, August 15, 1969.

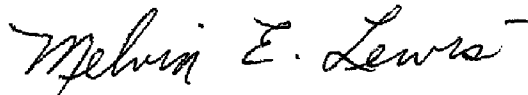
3. That the matter be, and it is hereby, set for hearing on Monday, July 28, 1969, at 10 A.M. in Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

4. That the Chief Clerk shall serve a copy of the proposed testimony and exhibits on all formal parties to the proceeding.

5. That the applicant post notice on its buses advising the public of the time and place of hearing.

6. That the applicant publish notice of the application and hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, once, at least twenty-five (25) days prior to July 28, 1969.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



MELVIN E. LEWIS  
Executive Director